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INFORM CONSULS

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED APRIL 24, 1975

SENT USUN NEW YORK INFO CAPE TOWN, LONDON, LUSAKA, PARIS,

PRETORIA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJECT:INFORMING WALDHEIM ON JOINT APPROACH TO SOUTH

-- AFRICA ON NAMIBIA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MET WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSY
OFFICERS APRIL 23 AND REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THEM, SUBJECT
TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS' APPROVAL, ON TALKING POINTS
(PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW) FOR BRIEFING SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM
ON JOINT APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA. SINCE
SECRETARY GENERAL LEAVING NEW YORK LATE MORNING APRIL 25,
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BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSIES ARE SEEKING URGENT APPROVAL
OF TALKING POINTS SO BRITISH, FRENCH AND US REPRESENTATIVES
CAN BRIEF SYG AFTERNOON APRIL 24 OR EARLY MORNING APRIL 25.

2. REQUEST MISSION, UNLESS BRITISH AND FRENCH DO NOT CONCUR, ARRANGE JOINT APPOINTMENT FOR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE MISSIONS TO PRESENT TALKING POINTS TO WALDHEIM. MISSION MAY DECIDE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH WHICH OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MAKE PRESENTATION. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PRESENTATION SHOULD BE STRESSED. REPS OF UK, FRANCE AND US AGREED NO TEXT WOULD BE GIVEN SYG.

3. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS BASED ON APRIL 22 DEMARCHE WHICH WERE AGREED TO AD REFERENDUM IN TRIPARTITE MEETING APRIL 23 IN DEPARTMENT: BEGIN TEXT.

A. ON APRIL 22, THE AMBASSADORS OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CHARGE' D'AFFAIRS A.I. OF THE UNITED STATES IN CAPE TOWN DELIVERED TO SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER AN AIDE MEMOIRE PRESENTING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA. FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES BEGAN TO FORMULATE THE TRIPARTITE APPROACH SOON AFTER THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA LAST DECEMBER.

B. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS:

(1) THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE ALLOWED UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS FREELY WITHIN A SHORT TIME ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, AND SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE TERRITORY, STATING ITS INTENTIONS PUBLICLY IN THIS REGARD AT THE

EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

(2) IN THE COURSE OF THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION, ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUPS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

(3) THE TERRITORY SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT UP IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF APARTHEID. SOUTH AFRICA, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, SHOULD BRING NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE AS ONE STATE UNLESS THE INHABITANTS FREELY CHOOSE OTHERWISE.

C. IN PRESENTING THE AIDE MEMOIRE, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS, UNDERLINED THE DESIRABILITY OF AN EARLY PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ITS INTENTIONS AND SUGGESTED SOUTH AFRICA RESUME CONTACT WITH YOU TO ARRANGE SATISFACTORY UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA. HE STRESSED THE UNANIMOUS

CONVICTION OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS THAT THE
PROBLEM DESERVES URGENT ATTENTION.

D. FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY THE AIDE MEMOIRE BUT DID NOT
OFFER COMMENT.END TEXT. T.

4. IF SECRETARY GENERAL ASKS WHETHER IT IS OUR VIEW THAT
HE SHOULD TAKE SOME ACTION AT THIS TIME, THE SPOKESMAN

OF THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD SAY THAT THEY WERE
TELLING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE APPROACH FOR HIS OWN
INFORMATION AND THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL'S OWN JUDGMENT WHETHER HE HIMSELF SHOULD TAKE ANY
INITIATIVE AT THIS TIME. (THIS LINE AGREED AD REFERENDUM
IN APRIL 23 MEETING.)

5. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY OF THREE MISSIONS SHOULD INDICATE
WE WILL HAVE NO COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN
EARLIER AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENTS TO TELL PRESS THAT
SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WITH SYG WAS NAMIBIA USUN SHOULD
TELL BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT DEPARTMENT ON FURTHER
REFLECTION IS NOT WILLING TO GO THIS FAR IN VOLUNTEERING
WHAT SUBJECT WAS RAISED.

6. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LONDON AND PARIS, BRITISH
AND FRENCH AGREED APRIL 23 TO FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE FOR USE IN CASE SUBSTANCE OF APPROACH TO SOUTH
AFRICA OR BRIEFING OF SYG BECOMES PUBLIC LATER ON AS
RESULT OF LEAKS: BEGIN QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE,
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THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES MADE THEIR VIEWS
ON NAMIBIA KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA ON
APRIL 22. THESE VIEWS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE THEY
STATED PUBLICLY DURING THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERA-
TION OF THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA LAST DECEMBER. THIS
ACTION UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO AN EARLY
RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA. ON APRIL 24 THEY
BRIEFED THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE ACTION THEY HAD

TAKEN WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. END QUOTE.
(FYI: AGREED PURPOSE OF THIS LIMITED RESPONSE IS TO
CONSERVE REVELATION OF SUBSTANCE OF APPROACH TO GREATEST
DEGREE POSSIBLE FOR USE LATER IN SC. END FYI.) KISSINGER
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